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Whole No. 157

Swamped!

The extraordinary response with advertising copy for our Birthday Celebration Number has upset all our plans and calculations. We anticipated that a 20 page paper would give us ample space to take care of all the extra advertising copy that we might hope for during these so called "hard times." We had planned a 20 page issue with a two-color front and back cover, but we are obliged to cut out the two-color cover and make the November 7 issue a 32 page paper, and even then we are going to be so crowded with advertising copy that it is just painful.

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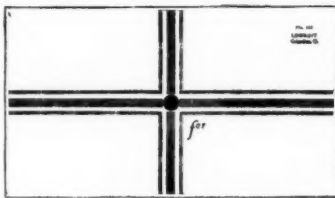
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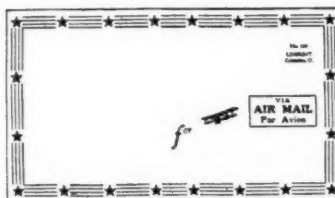
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No. 102—Four Corners



No. 103—Old English



No. 104—Stars and Stripes



No. 105—Aristocrat



No. 110—Barber Pole

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No. 102—Four Corners	100, any single number, postpaid	1.10
No. 103—Old English	500, your choice in multiples of 100, postpaid	5.00
No. 104—Stars and Stripes	1000, your choice of numbers in multiples of 100	
No. 105—Aristocrat	(carriage extra, weight 8 pounds)	8.50
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621 5c	.50	2.00
622 2c Sesquicentennial	.05	.20
623 5c Ericsson Memorial	.12	.50
624 2c White Plains	.06	.25
625 2c Vermont Sesqui.	.06	.25
626 2c Valley Forge	.04	.15
627 2c Molly Pitcher	.08	.32
628 2c Capt. Cooke Hawaii	.10	.40
629 5c	.40	1.60
630 2c Aeronautics Confer.	.04	.15
631 5c	.11	.45

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"Entered as second-class matter March 13, 1929, at the post office at Columbus, Ohio, under the Act of March 3, 1879."

The Yorktown Stamps



WITHOUT doubt, the new Yorktown stamps will meet the approval of stamp collectors throughout the world. The design is out of the ordinary for a United States stamp. It is also attractive and well executed both as to engraving and printing. An examination of several hundred copies from all parts of the country show that the printing is uniformly good, nothing in the way of extremely poor registered work having been seen.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 stamps, cut into panes of fifty for distribution to the postoffices. The sheets of 100 are divided by a vertical colored line through the center, the top and bottom ends of the line are decorated with one of the colored doodads such as were first used on the recent Red Cross issue, these marks printing on the margins of the sheets at top and bottom. There is also a colored line running horizontally across the sheet of 100 stamps and when divided into panes of fifty by cutting on the vertical colored line the panes of fifty show the horizontal colored line across the pane through the perforations. The ten stamps at the right or left of the pane of fifty as the case may be, having straight edges with a colored line, if not cut away in separating the sheets of 100.

The plate numbers in black appear over the second and below the forty-seventh stamp in the left pane and over the fourth and below the forty-ninth stamp in the right pane. The red numbers appear over the third and below the forty-eighth stamp in both right and left panes.

Thus we see that the red number is the key number as it should be in an engraving and printing job such as this, and its position

is the same in both panes. In the left panes the letter F is prefixed before both plate numbers at the top of the sheet only, on the right pane, while the word "TOP" appears in black gothic letters over the fifth stamp in the left pane. This word TOP shows up as a solid gothic letter also in what appears to be double lined letters, this however may be due to inking variations, altho the sheets show some with perfect black letters while others are as perfect in the double line.

The two French gentlemen remind us very much of some types we have seen in the movies lately, while the George Washington that is handed us on this stamp is an entirely new George Washington different from anything that we can call to mind on other postage stamps. The face is rather long and inclined to be of the hatchet-faced type. However, we have made up our mind to take our George Washingtons as they hand them to us for with the new Bicentennial stamps to appear in January we are going to have a dozen different George Washingtons handed to us all in one set of stamps and we, like other stamp collectors will have to walk a chalk line when we look at this issue to find out whether we are sober or whether we are seeing what we see.

This situation will surely be tough on the school children, for it will be a difficult task for any teacher to convince any child that the dozen different George Washingtons as portrayed on the new set of stamps are all the George Washington of Cherry tree fame.

In planning the issue of this special stamp, the postoffice department began so far ahead that it was found that there would be time to issue the stamp and have it distributed to postmasters far

enough in advance that it could be placed on sale throughout the country on the same date in all postoffices. It is to be regretted that there were postmasters who either through carelessness or for some other cause, permitted these stamps to be sold before the date set for their issue.

Reports of the sale and use of these stamps from numerous different towns in all parts of the country have been received. It is to be noted, however, that most if not all these infractions of the rules were from western cities. This is accounted for principally by the fact that in distributing the stamps the far western cities were supplied first and gradually the cities to the east were taken care of, so that by the date of issue all cities had been covered.

The postoffice department has taken note of this violation of the rules as regards the sale of the stamps prior to the prescribed date and has issued a very severe warning to postmasters regarding this matter.

The following clipping from the Postal Bulletin will best explain how the Department feels about the matter.

Third Assistant Postmaster General,

Washington, Oct. 14, 1931.

The Postal Bulletin of September 2, 1931, contained the general announcement concerning the Yorktown commemorative postage stamp issue. In this announcement it was emphasized that "In order that the Yorktown stamps may be available for purchase at post offices throughout the country on October 20, shipments will be sent in advance, but postmasters are specifically directed that under no circumstances shall they permit

any of the Yorktown stamps to be sold before October 20, 1931."

Shipments were made by registered mail in envelopes plainly marked "Positively not to be placed on sale until October 20, 1931."

Notwithstanding these clear instructions, reports have been received from six offices so far that postmasters had placed on sale these commemorative stamps prior to the release date. This is one of the most serious violations of departmental regulations, and statements that postmasters have overlooked the notice in the bulletin are no excuse for ignoring the plainly printed instructions on the registered envelope in which the stamps are sent.

Such disregard of instructions lays a postmaster open to the charge that he has conspired with stamp collectors in creating first-day covers of considerable value and the delinquency is ample cause for a postmaster's dismissal. Postmasters not interested enough in their postal duties to care properly for matters of this kind are not competent to be retained.

The department is attempting to accommodate the public by making advance shipments of commemorative stamps so that they will be available at post offices throughout the country on the day following the first day of sale at selected points. To effect this it is necessary to have the cooperation of postmasters and to prevent release to the public prior to that date. The forthcoming issues of Washington Bicentennial commemora-

tive postage stamps and stamped envelopes which are to be placed on sale January 2, 1932, will involve shipments of large quantities including 12 denominations of stamps and 5 denominations of envelopes. It is absolutely essential that postmasters give attention to the necessity of withholding these from distribution prior to that date. Any delinquencies in this respect will be severely dealt with.

F. A. Tilton,

Third Assistant
Postmaster General.

We believe that any future action of this sort could be very easily blocked by the postoffice department, in so far as affecting values in the eyes of stamp collectors is concerned if the Government would announce with the issue of any new postage stamps that such stamps were not acceptable for the payment of postage until a certain date. This would cause in many instances a return of any letters bearing any such stamps to the writer and would thus tend to defeat the plans of anyone who tried to use the stamps before they were available for use. It would also cause stamp collectors to refuse to recognize any stamps that were on covers and cancelled before the authorized date of use, for stamp collectors are very strict about what they do recognize and if a Government decree says that a stamp is not acceptable for postage prior to a certain date, cataloguers will not recognize such a stamp as legitimately issued when cancelled before that date.

Indications are that there are going to be some very interesting things to watch for in plate numbers. Readers of Linn's Weekly have gone a long ways toward making it possible for us to give almost a complete list of numbers in this issue of the paper, the first after the issue of these stamps. Already 26 different black plates have been reported but we feel obliged to question some of these numbers since they have been reported from but one person in each instance.

Of the red plates there have been 16 different reported.

A table showing combinations of the two plates that have not been reported is printed with this article. In printing this table in this manner we can readily alter it to make necessary notations of new combinations in a future issue of this paper. Please understand that all of the combinations of the two numbers are already reported as existing, excepting those that are indicated by a mark on the accompanying table. If you see or have any combination of numbers which is shown by a mark on this chart please report them, as such numbers have not been reported as ex-

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No. 743/749 @ \$2.35; No. 1047/1051 @	1.75
No. 718/730 and No. 801	3.50
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standing up to the date this copy was prepared (Oct. 22.)

It will be noted that the chart does not show numbers 20459 and 20471 altho both of these numbers have been reported in the black plate but no combinations of red numbers were reported with them so that it was not considered practical to list them until known red numbers are reported with them. If the total stands as 22 black and 16 red plates, we will have a possible combination of 352 different sets of numbers. Already we have reported 314 different combinations.

The Editor is interested in blocks of ten from either top or bottom of the sheet, that is, either the top or bottom two rows from a sheet with the plate numbers and will

Jr., Washington, D. C.; Hugh V. O'Brien, Lawrence, Mass.; Wm. A. Verhass, Washington, D. C.; and Everett G. Emerson, Ekharth, Ind. Numerous covers and letters from all parts of the country came cancelled on the 20th, Oct., showing that the distribution of these stamps had been very well handled by the postoffice.

Zix & Shockley of Indianapolis, Indiana, mailed a cover from Yorktown, Ind., on the 19th, the same date that the stamps were put on sale at Yorktown, Va. We understand that the stamps for this cover came up from Alabama a few days before the date of issue. From the Superior Stamp Company of Cleveland, Ohio, we have a cover from Yorktown, Va., mailed on board the U. S. Frigate Constitution,

L. N. Smith, Theodore A. Smits, R. J. Tarpy, Chas. F. Jones, R. A. Gotham, B. W. Cornwell, L. W. Gibbon, Herbert Harris, Joseph W. Reno, P. J. Ickeringill, Louis R. Murray, Julian DeWolf, A. Fullerton, Leslie Kerr, A. A. Hyde.

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187	& 188 10c browns	13.50
210	2c red browns	.35
	Same on original covers	1.75
212	2c greens	.25
	Same on original covers	1.75
219	1c 1890s, 20c; 2c 1890s	.18
219d	2c 1890 lake	.15
222	4c 1890s, 40c; 5c 1890s	.40
230	1c Columbians	.40
231	2c Columbians	.20
247	& 264 1c triangles	.40
	2c triangles unpicked	.15
272	8c triangles, \$1.25; 1c green triangles	.20
300	1c 1902s, 20c; No. 319 2c 1902s	.15
398	2c Panama-Pacific	.75
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BLACK	20470															
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be glad to give other numbers in exchange for any that he lacks, or will purchase at 50% over face value.

Report any new numbers or combinations of numbers not shown in the chart to the Editor of Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

Many first day covers from both Wethersfield, Conn., and Yorktown, Va. are at hand. We are pleased to thank the following friends for such covers: W. C. Phillips & Co., Hartford, Conn.; Albert E. Gotham, Washington, D. C.; Chas. E. Abrams, Syracuse, N. Y.; Harry Moor, Indianapolis, Ind.; Alfred C. Horn, West Haven, Conn.; C. Stuart Williams, Glastonbury, Conn.; George Mariner, Hartford, Conn.; Stephen G. Savage, Worcester, Mass.; Denys J. Truby, Waukegan, Ill.; William D. Hennessey,

which was at Yorktown on the 19th of October. Truly this is a very remarkable cover and one that a collector can feel proud of.

A peculiarity on a cover from Frank Toth of Patchogue, N. Y., cancelled on the 20th October has the entire central wording of the cancellation stamp inverted.

For the lists of plate numbers from which the table of known numbers has been prepared, we are indebted to the following friends of the Weekly.

Kenneth Legge, G. Nordenberg, Ted Freter, Wade H. Mayhew, W. G. Scholl, P. W. Abbott, Everett R. Ryan, Herbert S. Karch, Gerald Bucholz, Sherman L. Roney, A. W. C. Brumfield, J. D. Hoyt, Pittsburgh, Pa., George V. H. Mariner, Jr., G. H. Schumann, James Hula, Ira N. Lichtig, Joseph Barkman,

The World in Review

A FORECAST AND A RECORD

Swift to Report

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Timely, authentic and complete information on new issues, unlisted varieties, projected philatelic events, etc., is the aim of this department. We will deeply appreciate all contributions of this nature from our readers, and full credit will be given in each case. All contributions should if possible be accompanied by specimens of the stamps concerned, which will be returned promptly.

EDITED BY

RAY SHEPARD, 1529 DUXBERRY AVE., COLUMBUS, O.

UNITED STATES — 1917, 11c Washington Compound Perforation. We announced sometime back the finding of this stamp, perforated on the two sides and bottom, 11, and perf. 10 at the top; also the same stamp perforated 11 on the two sides and top and perf. 10 at the bottom. We know at the time, due to blocks found, that the odd perforation 10 did not appear on the entire vertical row.

Mr. Edwin W. Atwood has now located a block of thirty, consisting of the four top vertical rows, from the upper right pane, and we find that the perf. 10 starts immediately under the 27th stamp continues thru the 28th stamp and about quarter of the way across the 29th stamp. All other perforations are the normal 11.

(Phil Ward)

BELGIUM—This year's charity set will appear on Dec. 15th, adorned with a wartime portrait of the Queen. Six values will comprise the series. Five to be printed by the rotogravure process, and the highest, the 5fr., line engraved. There is talk also of a special stamp on behalf of postal charities bearing a portrait of the late Cardinal Mercier.

(A. F. Turner)

BRITISH GUIANA—The new 2c Centenary is appearing in a paler brown than those first issued.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

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- 4 levas, scarlet (horse jumping)
- 6 levas, blue green (fencing)
- 10 levas, orange (bicycle racing)
- 12 levas, blue (diving)
- 50 levas, yellow brown (athlete)

Only 20,000 sets are said to have been issued.

The 2 levas stamp of the Royal Wedding type of last year, has been issued in a new color for ordinary postage:

- 2 levas, carmine (Tsar Boris III)

The denominations of the forthcoming Air Post stamps are said to be 1, 6, 12, 20, 30 and 50 levas.

(A. F. Turner)

PARAGUAY — Another commemorative has appeared; lithographed in large traverse rectangular format, with a vignette of a large building labeled "Hotel Lago" standing on the bank of a tropical river. According to the inscription it commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of "San Bernardino 24de Auguste, 1881-1931." Two editions, one for foreign, and the other overprinted "C", for inland postage:

- 1 peso—yellow green
- 1 peso—vermillion (overprinted "C" in black)

(A. F. Turner)

Copies are at hand of the two Zepps noted last week. The new definite Airs are also here. We have the 10c and 20c and note their color in the list below:

- 5c
- 10c purple
- 20c red
- 40c
- 80c

(Broadway Stamp Co.)

ROUMANIA — We learn that there are only 300 sets in existence of the overprinted Air stamps, with the vertical Wavy lines watermark, which we noted Oct. 3rd.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

ST. HELENA — A deeper and brighter, more scarlet shade of the 2sh6d. is now on sale.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

SOUTHERN RHODESIA — The new 2d. has been shown us, with a jet-black center.

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(South African Philatelist)

CUBA—The distinctive set for inland aerial postage was issued in August. The design resembles closely the International Air Mail series, with a vignette of a trimotor aeroplane passing over a valley, but inscribed "CORREO AEREO NACIONAL", recess-printed and perforated 10. A 5c. value printed in violet, will shortly be added to the ones listed below, to complete the set:

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50c blue

(A. F. Turner)

CYPRUS—Three new shades:

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(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

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(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—On August 20th, the new Air Mail stamps, showing an aeroplane approaching a monument, and perf. 12, made their appearance:

10c Carmine
15c lilac
20c blue
30c green
50c maroon
1p red-orange

(A. F. Turner)

DUTCH INDIES — This year's Charity stamps will be the same denominations as last year and will go on sale in December.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

HAYTI—Two special stamps of 5c and 10c denomination, will be issued by this country in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of its entry into the Postal Union. 500,000 of each denomination will be printed.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

INDIA—The 1 rupee value, with the double center, has been found, so that a complete set of this error now exists.

NEPAUL—A re-drawn type of the 8pi. has appeared. The marked changes being nine instead of five native characters in the bottom frame of the design, and different symbols in the lower corners. No word has been received yet as to whether the entire set has been altered.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

MEXICO—Two wrong font type errors in the overprint are to be found on sheets of the latest 1c Official, noted in these columns Oct. 17th. The 4th stamp in the next to the last row showing a large first "I" in the word Official and the 7th stamp of the bottom row having a large "L".

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

TURKEY—The forerunner of a new general issue, produced by the National mint at Angora is at hand. The face value of this initial stamp is 1 kurus. It is surface printed in deep slate-green, with a profile portrait of Mustafa Kemal against a solid background, and inscribed "Turkiye Cumhuriyeti-Postalari" in Latin characters throughout, perf. 11½, unwmk.

1 kurus—slate green

To commemorate a great Balkan Conference which is being held at Istanbul during October, 5,000,000 copies of a special stamp showing the map of the Balkans surmounted by a laurel wreath, have been printed in London, by order of the Turkish Government.

(A. F. Turner)

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THE NEW "GIBBONS," 1932

Reviewed by "Marquette"
In Gibbons' Stamp Monthly

The new Gibbons Catalogue, which now lies before me, has been eagerly looked for by all interested in stamp values as everyone wants to know what the Publishers of the leading catalogue think of the state of the stamp market in these difficult times.

Reading the introduction, in which they give their views on current market conditions, and studying the prices, I come to the conclusion that their feeling is one of qualified optimism. They remark that their own business (which, covering the whole field of Philately, is a very good index) is increasing from year to year and that, while business conditions generally, both at home and abroad, have forced a number of collectors to curtail or suspend purchases of stamps, their place is being taken by new recruits, many of whom are not juniors, but business and professional men. This influx of new blood, they attribute to a large extent to the publicity given to the hobby in the general press and by other methods.

An examination of the prices in the new volume shows that nearly as many prices have been altered this year as has been the case in previous periods. In regard to Colonial prices, the introduction remarks that "the rarer stamps of the British Empire continue to fetch high prices, and there is no falling off in the sale of these. The middle issues remain in steady demand, and the only section which in any way reflects the commercial slump is the modern issues." The fact that a large portion of the prices for modern Colonials have had to remain stationary is due, in the opinion of the Publishers, to the fact that these issues are the chosen field of the speculator, who acquires stocks in the hope that they will rise in value, but is forced in times like the present, to unload at even less than he paid, to the detriment of market values. This phase is not likely to last long, as collectors absorb enormous quantities of modern issues each year in the ordinary way of collecting, so that surplus stocks soon disappear from the market. The great factor in regard to new issues is that demand increases, rather than declines. For example, our Publishers have sold nearly twice as many new issues in the

first half of 1931 as they did during the same period last year. So long as basic demand remains good, any temporary fluctuation in the stocks available on the market is soon ironed out.

The Introduction goes on to refer to the fact that during the past two years Messrs. Gibbons have been very large buyers of Colonial stamps. Last year they bought a £25,000 stock and this year they have the enormous Lincoln stock. In consequence, and in view of the present conditions, when collectors, like everyone else, want to buy cheaply, they have decided, where stocks allow, to give their customers the advantage of these purchases, by not raising the prices of many medium and common stamps which would otherwise have gone up in the Catalogue, and they have, in a smaller proportion of cases, been able to lower prices. They emphasize that in doing this they are not reflecting the general market conditions, but are disregarding them, for the benefit of their customers, and they add that collectors who find that certain stamps which they hoped would rise have, in fact, not risen, will find consolation in the fact that many stamps which they still want are obtainable more cheaply than they would otherwise have been. In any case there are more than twenty thousand additional or altered prices in the Whole World volume, so that there is plenty of interest in this connection.

An examination of the actual price changes shows that there is an upward movement over a wide range of issues. A number of the West Indian Colonies show numerous rises, though there is rather less change in the equally popular Canadian and Newfoundland issues. Malts have again risen in many cases, though here and there prices have eased. The commoner Irish are down in many cases, but there is a plentiful sprinkling of rises in some of the smaller African colonies while Australian States are on the move—sheer necessity, I should imagine, as stocks everywhere have been depleted during the past few years, owing to a distinct revival of interest.

Once again a good many used prices in the early and middle issues have taken an upward turn. Some Edwardians are moving,

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both unused and used, and in spite of the Publisher's remarks about modern Colonials, quite a few Georgians have gone up. After all, apart from speculation, there have not been so very many new issues during the past twelve months, so not so many stamps have been raised on going obsolete.

As a group, Air stamp have probably risen more than any other section, as the demand is phenomenal, and this applies with particular force to the Foreign Countries volume of the Catalogue. For the rest, the sixteen thousand or so price alterations are scattered widely through the volume, mute testimony to the fact so often noted of late, that collectors are tending more and more to leave the beaten tracks of the "popular groups" and that, in turn, every country has its day.

The Introduction remarks that the majority of the rises will be found in the European and South and Central American groups, the latter showing signs of coming in to more prominence of late. United States issues are again up all round, in spite of the slump, and are still very hard to get.

Altogether the new volumes are just as interesting as ever, and quite a lot of revision has been done, though no lists in Part II have been rewritten. I advise every reader to get the new Catalogue at once. Each edition is so much better than its predecessor that the use of an out-of-date volume produces a very marked inferiority complex.

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C. C. WEBER Editor
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All indications point to an investigation of the Athol error. At the risk of incurring displeasure, we ask, what is there to investigate? It would seem that some person or persons unknown have corralled a quantity of this interesting error. It is in demand so they decide to offer them at auction. Lawrence Bros. have regular sales, and get pretty fair prices for this stamp. They may even have a few extra copies for second and third high bid. For which we are thankful as our bid \$1.10 was second to a high of \$1.40. However this was a long time ago. It simmers down to the questions: Shall the unknown holder come forward and tell his private business or shall Lawrence Bros. be unethical enough to reveal their client's affairs?

There is also the other side of the question, the catalog price of this stamp. Based on an original order of 250,000 there would be around 8,000 odd copies of the error. Dr. Mitchell justly places a price of a dollar on it. So you have a choice of waiting, or being sure and paying 6 or 7 times list price. As the famous race horse expert would say, it's in your lily white hands.

Apropos to the above;—Where are the Springfield, Ill., errors? Our own pair is the only one we have seen and came thru Hoover Bros. at a reasonable per cent off catalog on account of being a trifle off center. Ninety per cent of the want lists want it. None are offered, even in the sales "out where the West begins". However we do know of a local dealer picking up an Athol error in some mix.

One more blast before signing off. Turn back to the time when the Girard 1½ compound was considered as good, or even better than the Batavia. It just wasn't and if our memory serves correctly it was missing in the famous Carroll collection. Shortly they came peeping over the horizon at five dollars a peep. A Wisconsin dealer turned up a quantity and promptly offered them at either 25 or 50c per stamp. (At the time they listed 25c) The only investigation we know of at that time was our own, when we took our dividers and glass to see if it was O.K., and we did not nor do not doubt the integrity of L. Davis of Beloit, one iota.

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BURO PRINTS Such is the brief name for a certain group of United States stamps that are attracting much attention. It has always been our belief that these particular stamps got a bad start. With the extensive interest in our own United States issues, this particular group of stamps should merit the attention of every collector of United States Postage stamps for they have everything that lends interest to stamp collecting.

First pounced upon by the Precancel collector and adopted as a part of Precancel collecting, they have gained a name that in the eyes of many collectors brands them as undersirables, yet these stamps are as far from having the undesirable qualities of the old style varieties of precancels as are the classic early issues of United States Postage Stamps.

It is a fact that there are thousands of stamp collectors who do not know a Buro Print when they see one and have no idea what it is all about.

For the benefit of this large group of collectors and in the belief that many more collectors would take an interest in these stamps if they but realized the wonderful possibilities to be found in these issues we shall attempt to explain these stamps.

The postoffice department classes the stamps as precancels, collectors call them Bureau Precancels or Buro Prints, meaning Bureau

Printed Precancels as distinguished from all other forms and varieties of precancels. The Buro Precancels are printed in Washington in the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. The overprint of the name of the town is applied on the stamp at the same time that it is printed. That is, the stamps are printed on the Rotary presses from rolls of paper, the stamp itself is first printed and as the roll of paper continues on through the press the overprint is applied in black ink.

This is the same manner in which the recent Kansas and Nebraska State stamps were printed, same as the Molly Pitcher and Hawaii issue was prepared.

The Kansas and Nebraska stamps were issued for sale only in those states and were not on sale in the larger towns of those states. These stamps were available to anyone and were cancelled in the usual manner when placed on mail matter.

Buro Print Precancels are issued only to certain towns and are sold only to persons or firms who have a permit to use precanceled stamps, also are used at Parcel Post mailing windows where the postal clerk places them on parcels that come through the window for mailing. Thus their use is not restricted entirely to permit holders but the stamps may appear on a parcel that the average citizen offers for mailing.

Unlike the State stamps, these stamps are not cancelled again, the printed name of the town is the cancellation, thus we get the name "Precancelled".

These stamps, therefore, are in effect "City Stamps" instead of "State Stamps" as were the Kansas and Nebraska issues.

The ordinary type of precancel may be either a handstamped or a printed overprint. The postmaster issues or prepares the stamps as needed. He may overprint only a single sheet of some denomination or value, he may overprint a sheet with a double overprint, he may do a dozen things that will create an error or a different variety and there may be only a single sheet of this error or variety. On the other hand, it is not unknown that collectors in small towns as well as in large cities may through acquaintance with postmasters, have stamps that are out of issue, precanceled. That inverts may be made, that other things which are not done at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing are done with ordinary types of precancels so that many of them simply border on the ridiculous. Frequently a postmaster will dump in miscellaneous commemoratives that are lying about the office, precancel them and clean them up in this manner while such things do not happen with Buro Prints.

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Thus it will be seen that there is a big field with a range of interesting pieces for the collector who really wants something to look for and all this can be done without squinting through a microscope and ruining your eyes.

Already several distinct errors have appeared which bring prices up to \$5.00 or more for single copies. In rarities there are the early experimental issues, some of which sell at over \$100 each and the rare Liberty, Mo., 1½¢ value which is recognized as a \$50 stamp so it is plain to be seen that this branch of precancels has active interested cash buyers behind it. These men are Buro Print collectors, many of them not in any way being interested in the ordinary type of precancel.

Buro Prints are issued in quantities of from 250,000 up, so that in the minimum issues the supply is not so large as to become common. If you want a real field for action, you should look into these issues.

PRECANCEL NOTES

By K. M. Gierhart, Baltimore, Ohio

I had my first glimpse of a precanceled Ohio cigarette tax stamp at the last meeting of our stamp club. It was a type set affair. The name of the company and the month and year date in two lines of small type between thin lines.

A stove company in Beaver Dam Wis., still uses handstamp and electro precancels concurrently on their parcel post. I wonder if anyone can tell me why?

About all the lower values of the new issue dues have been coming thru from Cleveland lately, and are rather plentiful too.

Indianapolis precanceled the current 5c airmail recently with its regular type IV electro, and curiously enough most of them were used on dedication covers making it sort of a 2-in-1 affair, valuable to airmail cover and precancel collectors alike. The cover I observed had a postmark on it but whoever applied it was careful not to touch the stamp. No doubt he had the precancel collector in mind when doing this. I am further informed that but 630 copies were so precanceled and that the postmaster says no more of this sort will be precanceled.

It's very amusing to note what some people value their stamps at. For instance, Mr. Al Jones' valuation of his Valley Forge, Seymour, Ind. precancel. We wonder if Mr. Jones would be willing to pay around \$2.50 net for other commemoratives equally as genuine and as scarce?

We think nix! The catalog makers valuation may be a little low but it's nearer right than Mr. Jones'.

Likewise Mr. Vic Rotnem making the absurd statement that all handstamp precancels should be discarded from the catalog. We wonder what Mr. Rotnem's reaction would have been had someone made such a suggestion when he was connected with the Rotnem Stamp Co.

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F. A. M. 10

Postal Bulletin has announced that effective with the southbound flight leaving Santos, Brazil, on Nov. 2, and the northbound flight from Buenos Aires, Argentine, on Nov. 8th, F. A. M. 10 will be extended beyond Santos, via Florianopolis, Porto Alegre and Rio Grande de Sul, Brazil, Montevideo, Uruguay, to Buenos Aires, and as the connecting plane leaves Miami on Oct. 26th, it will be impossible for collectors to get in on this extension. They state that there will be no special marking for covers beyond Santos for this occasion, however, I expect that some of our South American friends will provide cachets for northbound covers to U. S.

Italian Fleet

It is announced that Balbo and his great Italian fleet of planes will start for New York, on or about Nov. 15th, via Lisbon, and Azores. Remembering his earlier flight to South America, this flight should produce some very interesting covers, which we hope will not cost as much as the earlier ones.

Detroit—Cleveland

On Nov. 9th, Trans American Airlines will inaugurate 80 minute mail service between Detroit and Cleveland, via Toledo, Ohio, supplementing the present T. A. C. mail service and replacing the amphibian line. N. B. Ringelman, 1441 Goodale Ave., and O. C. Thompson, 362 O'Connell St., Toledo, Ohio, both offer to handle covers in and out of that city for this event.

Canada to Mexico

October 20th, Major Jas. H. Doolittle, flew from Montreal, Canada via Washington, D. C. to Mexico City, making the flight in 12 hours and 36 minutes.

Akron

The test flights of the big dirigible are now completed and ere this is printed, perhaps today, Oct. 21st, she will depart for her future home at Lakehurst. On the last and endurance flight she visited many large cities in the middle west, during which Wm. V. Miller of Columbus, Ohio, sends us cover with American Legion cachet; E. S. Horwitz, a cover of her visit to Cincinnati, and DuBoyce one from Springfield, Ill. The second large

dirigible will be started at Akron, at once, and effort is being made to have the second named "The Cleveland."

Coming

Nov. 11th, Air Fair and Gala at Plainfield Airport. Send cover unsealed to receive "Bulletin of Events" and mark "for Armistice Day" to L. B. Wood, 334 S. Division St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Greenville, Ala. dedication will be soon. W. H. Seale, Box 66, will handle covers for you.

Beaumont, Texas, dedication is scheduled for around Nov. 18th, and better send to Chamber of Commerce.

About Dec. 1st, Ted Sweet, Art McCann and Jean McCann, famous parachute jumpers will start for an air circus tour in Virginia. If you want cacheted covers from these places send covers to L. B. Wood address above, with extra postage for forwarding same to these towns.

Armistice Day covers at Keyser, W. Va., Nov. 11th, by American Legion. H. B. Montgomery, 149 E. Piedmont St., will take care of covers.

Items

Spokane, Wash., welcomed Herndon and Pangborn on Oct. 13th. Thanks to E. M. Brower for cover. —R. A. Keinge, Pasco, Wash., is the proud owner of a cover carried by these boys from Tokio to Wenatchee. —Thos. E. Walsh, President of American Legion Council at Grand Rapids, Mich., writes that the only cachet authorized by them for the dedication of Cassard Field, was the one in blue, applied by L. B. Wood. —Many of our friends are interested in First Day covers of U. S. stamps, is shown by the large number sent us from Yorktown and Wethersfield, for all of which we thank you.

M. M. Grey writes that there will be an Air Fair at Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 28-29. That Al Williams will be there, and a cachet by the Chamber of Commerce to whom you should send covers. —It was there that Williams cracked up at the All Southern Air Pageant, giving him, he terms, "His greatest thrill." —For economy the Navy may discontinue the southern tour of the U. S. S. Constitution—However Wilmington and Charleston are endeavoring to have her visit those cities. —It is reported that the battleship Wyoming and the old

cruiser Rochester will soon be de-commissioned. Send covers to Naval Mail Clerk, care Postmaster, New York.—John Jungkind says that the 100th anniversary of the City of Little Rock will be observed Nov. 7th, and a cachet by the Chamber of Commerce, to whom you may send covers. Also that all he received too late for Little Rock dedication will be sent out at that time.

Ship Cancellations

Of late there has sprung up considerable interest in U. S. ship cancellations, and in response to my query, W. H. Wolfgang of Toledo, Ohio, has given me the following information as to how he handles these.

First: Send to the Supt. of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. and purchase a copy of the "Navy Directory". This costs 25c, and will give you the Home Port of all ships in commission.

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BEFORE CITY DELIVERY SERVICE

Phillip Marchington who carried mail out of Boston in 1856 was paid \$10 per week, and in addition to that a proportionate amount of the funds that accrued each month from the proceeds of stamps sold at different places on his route. This made his salary average about \$15 per week.

Charles A. Tyler of New York City started to carry mail when 14 years old. His father was a clerk and later a carrier. Each carrier was allowed an assistant but these helpers were not allowed to enter the post office, but met the carriers at stated places each day to receive the mail for delivery. They had to give a pledge that they would perform their duty faithfully and promptly. Charles Tyler was one of these helpers, but in 1849, when the California gold rush was on enough employees left that he got a chance to become a regular employee. There was 23 mail carriers in New York then.

John Brown who was appointed a carrier in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1845, has told some very interesting things. Mail service in those days was locked pouches between terminal points, so that mail for way-stations between had to go to the terminal and back on the next train which sometimes caused a days delay. There were about 20 clerks and the same number of carriers in Philadelphia at that time. If patrons went to the office they paid the charges when their mail was handed them but if the carrier took it out he had to take little way-bills for each piece of mail. He collected two cents for each letter and ½ cent for each paper, and this was all the pay the

carrier received. One carrier made \$2,500 one year.

Stamping was done by the clerk last appointed. He was expected to rate, mark and stamp all letters deposited in the post office. He had to know geography, local distances, etc. In addition he was expected to make a reasonable guess how many pieces of paper a letter contained as each piece of paper was subjected to a separate rate. The junior clerk then marked the amount of postage due on each letter with a pen. A half keg of ½ cent pieces was kept at the general delivery window for change. One of the clerks of this office tells that under this administration no definite awards of allowances were made for postoffices, for the postmaster was allowed to spend the money necessary for the running expenses, and any surplus of receipts beyond this sum he had authority to distribute among his clerks, some receiving as much as \$70 as their share for a quarter.

In 1869, the carriers of San Francisco, Calif., collected 5c a piece for the letters they delivered. Not all would have the carriers deliver their letters when the post-office was so handy. Sometimes they would be handed a dollar for bringing a man a letter that he waited a long time for, and even at times were handed \$5 gold pieces. Those who had money in those days spent it freely. San Francisco was away out of the world then, and letters from home, like angel's visits, came scarce and high. The carriers had no bags or satchels then but each one provided himself with a couple of gunny sacks. Sometimes one of these would be left in a saloon while the carrier delivered the contents of the other. They were never molested as letters were too popular and shooting too free. Every man had to report every night for sorting duty or forfeit \$1.00 for a substitute. The carriers would gather in the postoffice when the mails came in and empty the pouches on the floor and squat down around the pile of letters and pick them out. As each address was called the man who held the letter would flick it across the pile to whomever it belonged, with one of these remarks: "This is for you, John," "Put this in Billy's pile," "Here's another for that red headed girl on Mission St., Jack. Who can be writing her all the while from Kentucky?"

Tim Mahoney, the first carrier in San Francisco, began to deliver letters in 1859, and as soon as it became known that he was delivering letters for 25c he did a rushing business. Some would offer him \$1 and his customers increased to such an extent that he had to become select. The two bit trade was ignored and he catered entirely to the dollar patrons.



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The stamp collecting fraternity of Madison took steps last week to organize a permanent club, and held their first meeting at the Memorial Union, of the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Charles Brown, Supt. of the State Historical Museum was elected as the presiding officer with Herman Kerst as secretary.

Plans were formulated to cooperate with the University Union to stage a stamp show later in the winter, and a committee was appointed to solicit funds wherewith to purchase frames.

The meeting night of the club will hereafter be the first Thursday evening of each month, at the University Memorial Union building.

The membership of the club is about fifty—fifty towns people and University students, and in deference to the University, who have very generously granted quarters in the Union for the club meetings, the name selected for the club will be The University Stamp Club of Madison.

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Employees of the various industrial manufacturing concerns of Flint have organized a stamp club. The members are from I. M. A. "Industrial Mutual Association" and it has already proved such a success that about 50 collectors have been enrolled and instead of holding meetings once each month as originally planned, meetings will be held weekly. Coin collectors are also invited. R. W. Golding, who tells about his school days in England, when he was a stamp collector, confesses to having taken up the hobby again and finding contentment in his weekly copy of Linn's.

RUBBER CITY STAMP CLUB ACTIVITIES

Mr. F. W. Grant and M. J. Lloyd of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Cleveland, and incidentally two of the newly elected vice-presidents of the A. P. S., provided a most enjoyable evening for the members of the Rubber City Stamp Club on Thursday, October 15th. Mr. Grant exhibited his prize winning collection of the Union of South West Africa in three volumes showing the regular postage, officials and postage dues. This collection won the blue ribbon at both the Minneapolis and Memphis A. P. S. conventions. Mr. Lloyd showed his specialized collection of the Leeward Islands and read a paper on the history and population of the various islands comprising the Leeward group. He also exhibited a most interesting volume of Great Britain. These outstanding collections were greatly enjoyed by all present. Mr. By Harris, also of Garfield-Perry, was another welcome visitor. Dinner in the Dutch Room. Y. M. C. A., preceded the meeting.

A CHICAGO FRIEND

Linn's Weekly has a friend in Chicago in the person of little Miss Genevieve Carlsen, fourteen year old daughter of Dr. Haldor Carlsen. She is active in inducing her friends to subscribe to her favorite weekly and is the only girl member of the Lincoln Belmont Stamp Club of Chicago, in which she has already taken first and third prizes at their exhibitions.

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NOTED PHILATELIST DIES

Congressman Ernest R. Ackerman of the Fifth New Jersey District, died Sunday, October 18th, after a week's illness.

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Unlike many wealthy collectors, Mr. Ackerman knew his stamps, he was a real student and loved the hobby, doing much personal work with his various collections.

Only recently he made a gift of a valuable specialized collection to the Collectors' Club of New York. He was 68 years old.

RADIO STAMP TALKS

Charley Achtenberg, who is well known to the Precancel Stamp Fraternity, as the official Exchange Manager of the Precancel Stamp Society, has taken up his winter job of radio broadcasting stamp news over station WIBA.

He gave his first talk Sept. 29th, and his time will continue thru the winter. In fact, he has been retained by the station to speak once a week thruout the University season, which ends the second week in June.

Charley hopes to make his talks entirely of a general nature, trying to give fair discussions on all branches of the hobby. He has also made arrangements with other radio speakers on hobby subjects to exchange talks as the season advances, thus hoping to add spice and variety to his programs. He is on the air every Tuesday evening from 8:15 to 8:30.

LOUISVILLE STAMP SOCIETY

Louisville Stamp Society began the 6th year of its existence on Oct. 9th, with promise of a prosperous year ahead. In the annual election of officers the following were chosen for the year: W. E. Greenaway, P. O. Box 2353, Louisville, as President; Mr. W. E. Doolan, 803 Inter-Southern Building, as Vice-President and Mr. W. R. Tharp, 3119 Portland Avenue, Louisville, as Secretary-Treasurer. The treasury is in a healthy condition and membership is growing, two new members being admitted last meeting night. Meetings are held on second and fourth Friday nights in each month except July and August, in room 803 of Inter-Southern Building. Visitors welcome.

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